

EARLY NOTICE AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN

March 4, 2016

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups & Individuals

This Notice is related to Federal assistance provided in response to the Presidentially-declared disaster, Superstorm Sandy. This is to give notice that the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA), Charles Richman, Commissioner, has determined that the following proposed action under the Flood Hazard Risk Reduction Program, is located in the 100-year floodplain, and DCA will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and analyzing the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C, Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.

Project Description

Application ID Number: FHR 0000035

The proposed project is located in the City of Brigantine at the following locations:

1. 34th Street Circle
2. Hackney Place at West Shore Drive
3. Jenkins Parkway from 11th Street to 12th Street

The project includes the installation of three stormwater pump stations, elevated emergency generators, new gravity storm piping, and storm force main in order to help alleviate flooding during a storm event. The proposed improvements will enhance stormwater conveyance as well as provide more time for residents, City employees, and emergency services personnel to access various parts of the City during a flood event. The improvements will disturb approximately 13,000 sq. ft. of land within the 100-year flood plain as defined by Zone A of the FEMA FIRM maps 345286000B and 345286000D, panel numbers 2 and 3 of 3. All improvements will take place within City Right-Of-Way. No private property is expected to be taken permanently or temporarily.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public education tool. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by DCA on or before March 21, 2016, or fifteen (15) days from the actual date of publication, whichever is later. DCA encourages electronic submittal of comments at <http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/sandyrecovery/review/>. In the alternative, comments may be submitted on paper to: Laura Shea, Assistant Commissioner, Sandy Recovery Division, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, 101 South Broad Street, PO Box 800, Trenton, NJ 08625-0800.

Commissioner Charles A. Richman
New Jersey Department of Community Affairs